THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (c) The position is that the criterion of poverty ratio forms the basis for financial assistance for anti-poverty Programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development, like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY), Poverty ratio does not, however, constitute a basis for financial assistance either by the Planning Commission (formula assistance) for State plans or by the Finance Commission for non-plan deficit, or even for plan revenue deficit, as recommended by the Ninth Finance Commission. The details of the criteria/principles followed by the Planning Commission and Finance Commission are indicated in the plan documents and the Finance Commission Reports.

"Private Nurseries in Madhya Pradesh"

@1765. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are promoting some private Nurseries in the State of Madhya Pradesh to make available tree plantlets to the people at their doorsteps;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have set any targets for distributing tree plantlets to the people during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and how many tree plantlets have so far been distributed among the people in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT) : COL. RAM SINGH (a) and (b) Yes, sir. A centrally sponsored scheme viz., Decentralised People's Nurseries, was introduced from 1986-87 for raising of seedlings in nurseries of the Kisans, Schools, Women and youth groups etc. The projects were promoted by the State Forest Department with 100% Centari assistance at the rate of 0.45 paise per seedling, which was subsequently increased to 0.70 paise per seedling from 1991-92. The details of the progress of the scheme in Madhya Pradesh State from 1986-87 to 1991-92 are given in the statement attached. (see below)

(c) and (d) The scheme has since been tranferred to the State Sector from 1992-93 alongwith the financial outlay of Rs. 155.00 lakhs for 1992-93 for raising about 221 lakh seedlings. However, the targets for distribution of seedlings are fixed by the State Forest Departments after having ascertained the requirements of the user agencies including the farmers.

@Previously Unstarred Question 264, transferred from 25th November 1992.

Statement

Physical and financial progress under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Decentralised People's Nurseries in Madhya Pradesh

Year	Financial (Rs. in lakhs)		Physical (Seedlings raised in Lakh Nos.)		No. of Nurserie s raised.
	Amount Released	Amount Utilised	Target	Achievement	
1986-87	100.00	31.62	221.00	189.00	2501
1987-88	111.00	110.40	650.00	533.00	5364
1988-89	420.50	223.13	700.00	680.00	6498
1989-90	100.74	206.89	533.00	556.00	5830
1990-91	302.30	146.01	333.00	550.00	9553
1991-92	45.00	178.46	324.60	375.18	3750
Total :	1079.54	896.51	2761.60	2883.18	33496

NB : Scheme has been transferred to State Sector from year 1992-93 with financial outlay of Rs. 155.00 lakhs.